Relieving Universities from College Affiliation Functions

1946. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of the University Grants Commission to relieve the Universities of their college affiliation functions; and

(b) if so, what is the consequent alternative proposal for the affiliation of the colleges and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) According to the National Policy on Education-1986, in view of the mixed experience with the system of affiliation, autonomous colleges will be helped to develop in large numbers until the affiliating system is replaced by a free and more creative association of Universities with Colleges. The Programme of Action to implement the Policy envisages the development of 500 autonomous colleges in the 7th Five Year Plan. The remaining Colleges which number more than 5000 will continue to be affiliated to the Universities concerned.

Poor Maintenance of PCO in Delhi

1947. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that most of the PCO in Delhi remains out of order and without any fan and light;

(b) whether Government are also aware that there is urgent need of installation of more PCO keeping in view of growth of population; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) No, Sir. Most of the PCOs in Delhi are working satisfactorily. Fan and light are provided wherever feasible.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) It is proposed to open more PCOs at suitable sites depending upon the availability of exchange capacity and feasibility.

Sale of Indira Vikas Patra

1948. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount collected by the sale of Indira Vikas Patra throughout India upto the 1st July, 1987; and

(b) whether Government propose to issue Indira Vikas Patra for more value than the existing one?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) The total amount collected by the sale of Indira Vikas Patra upto 30th June, 1987 is Rs. 1050.05 crores.

(b) No, Sir.

Telephone Connections sanctioned by the Ministers

1949. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of out of turn telephone connections sanctioned by